was not the least probability they could this feason be employed in the principal service for which they were intended. These different subjects are now submitted to your deliberate confideration, and I am perfuaded the result will be dictated by a regard to the facred rules of justice, to the honour of the state, and to the prin ciples of the federal contract.

Gentlemen, The injury which the state fustains in its growth and fettlement by the claims of ablentees and aliens, to large tracks of uncuitivated lands, call for your attention.

These claimants contribute nothing to the exigences of government, they retard the progress of improvement, while their estates continue to increase in value by the labour and industry of the citizens who fettle and cuitivete the adjacent lands. Your wildom will undoubtedly fuggest some remedy confisent with the treaty, and the principles of equity, for a mischief which becomes daily

more obvicusly detrimental.

I need not mention that the legislature have long fince feen the necessity of an estimate of the value of taxable property throughout the state: but the measures which they adopted for this purpose, have hitherto proved ineffectual; without it, government cannot be administered on wise and fixed principles; for it neither can be known to what amount the whole state may be taxed without oppression, or what is the comparative value of the wealth of the respective counties and districts, however essential to equal taxation, and for preventing those differds and animosities which too frequently take place in fixing the quotas.

The management of the public revenue also wants sy-stem: there is no mode established for drawing the income, expenditures or debts, to a point; nor is it in the power of the best informed, at present, to produce a tolerable estimate of them, though it must be admitted that this is a branch or information fo uleful, that it cannot, without manifest inconveniency, be dispensed

with.

A revision of our laws is also necessary, to digest them in one code, which shall include such of the acts of the late colony, and of the British statutes as are adopted by the constitution; and to form a general regulation for highways, and internal economy of districts and precincts, now continually calling for partial provision, is a work I would recommend as highly worthy of the

confideration of the legislature.

It is found by experience, that some of the laws of the last lession, particularly the act establishing an university in this state, and the impost act, require amend-ment, as well to render them more easy in their execution, as more effectual in their operation. The officers acting immediately under them are directed to state for your information the defects which have been discovered.

Several other matters which I had the honour to lay before the legislature at the opening of the last session, were not (for want of time) brought to maturity, and particularly a law for regulating the militia, and pro-vicing for magazines and arienals, agreeable to our conditution and the contederation. These are of such importance to the honour and fafety of the state, that I

cannot omit repeating them.

I shall now leave with you such papers as I have received during the recess, and may be necessary for your information; among these are the proceedings of the commissioners of Indian affairs, containing a particular detail or their transactions, and the result of the business

committed to them. Gentlemen.

Although I have thought it my dury at the opening of a tellion to point out the various matters which ap-peared to me to claim the attention of the legislature, yet should it be found inconvenient to the members to continue long together at this time, such of them only may be taken into immediate consideration, as cannot with fafety be delayed until the next meeting.

GEO. CLINTON. City of New-York, 18th October 1784.

PHILADELPHIA, November 5.

The ship Prosperity, captain Puller, is arrived at New-York, in eight weeks from Lenston. On Tuesday, October 19, in lat. 36, long. 72 W. at g A. M. she lost her rore-mast by a heavy clap of thunder, 12 feet above the deck, part of which was rent to pieces, one of which went through two of the decks; it are split one of the fore castle beams. They were obliged to cut away the wreck of the mast and beam, to prevent the thip from bilging, the lea running high. A ball of fire fell upon the deck, which appeared about the fize of a it let fire to some chips which the cook had collected to light his fire, and was feen a considerable

The Betsey, Hodges, from London; Adventure, Rich, from Sparish river; Active, Costin, from Cape Nicola Mole; Nancy, Chadwick, from St. John's; Unity, How, Sea Flower, Foster, and Nancy, Mins, from

Nova Scotia, are arrived at Boston.

The Bettey, Watson, and Prosperity, Poolen, from London; Attronomer, Skinner, from Gottenburg; Gustavus, M'Gee, from Hamburgh, Betsey, Clerk, from Antigua; a floop from St. Eustati; a brig from St. Martin's; Cochran, Bolton, from Virginia; General Greene, Godfrey, from Rhode-Island; Amphion, Johnston, from Providence; and Little Will, Noel, from Baltimore, are arrived at New-York.—

ANNAPOLIS, November 11.

The following gentlemen are elected delegates, to ferve in the prefent general assembly of this state, viz.
For Cæcil county; Samuel Miller, Benjamin Bravard,
Archibald Job, and John Oglevee, Esquires.
For Caroline county; Thomas Hardcastle, Thomas
Hughlett, Henry Downes, and William Wheatly,

For Worcester county; Joshua Townsend, William Morris, Peter Chaille, and Joseph Dashiel, Esquires.

Arrived at London from Maryland, ship Nantes, captain Samuel Maynard, and ship Patowmack, captain Lyonel Bradftreet.

PPLICATION will be made to the next gene-1 ral affembly, on behalf of the heirs of the late Sir Robert Eden, for restitution of property, or compensation for the same.

Anne-Arundel county, November 4, 1784.
To be SOLD at PUBLIC or PRIVATE SALE,

THE plantation whereon the subscriber lives, within a mile and a half of Queen-Anne, containing 304 acres, a sufficient quantity of mea-dow ground, sour and a half acres of which are reclaimed for the fithe, three good apple orchards; the land is well adapted to planting or farming, and has a sufficient quantity of wood to support it; the improvements are, a good dwelling house 22 feet by 16, and other necessary out-houses. The above land to be fold on Wednesday the 8th day of December next, if fair, if not the next fair day. At the same time will be sold, a parcel of Indian corn, fundry horses, cattle, and hogs. The terms will be made known on the day of fale. ISAAC JONES. 7/6

To be fold by the subscriber, at the late dwelling house of Sarah Elliott, on the Head of South river, on Friday the third day of December, if fair, if not the next fair day after,

LIKELY negro wench, who knows her bu-A LIKELT negro wenter, two negro boys; two feather beds; some pewter pots, and other houshold furniture; one cow and yearling; one mare, and one pair of cast wheels.

Also a tract of land called Chance, containing two hundred and two acres, more or less. One year's credit to be given upon all sums above five pounds with bond on security on interest, for any sum under five pounds the cash to be paid, on delivery of the goods, to

1007/6 PHOMAS ELLIOTT, executor of Sarah Elliott, deceased

St. Mary's county, Clement's Bay, October 20, 1784.

On Friday the 10th day of December, at the house of Mr. Ignatius Craycroft, about eight miles below Chaptico, will be fold, at public vendue,

PARCEL of country born slaves, consisting of boys, girls, and middle aged women. The purchasers will be allowed credit, bond and security being given, until next July.

GEORGE GOLDIE.

Annapolis, November 8, 1784. Just imported and to be sold at the house of John Shaw, opposite the south end of the stadt-house,

A GREAT variety of looking glaffes, tea chetts, billiard balls, pictures tramed and glazed, maps of North-America, divided according to the preliminary articles, figned at Versailles the 20th of January 1783, in which are particularly described the boundaries of the United States; general Atlas, describing the whole universe, being a complete and new collection of the most approved maps extent, engraved in the best manner on sixtytwo copper plates, corrected with the greatest care, and augmented from the latest discoveries down SHAW and CHISHOLM.

Annapolis, November 9, 1784. OST on the 25th day of November 1783, a discharge which I received from the continental army, signed by captain Henry Gaither, bearing date some time in May 1783, at Frederick town, in Frederick county; this is therefore to forewarn all persons whatever from taking an assignment on the same, as I am confident of receiving full satisfaction from the state of Maryland at the day of settlement for the same as if I had it in possession. I will give a reward of ten shillings to any person who will de-liver it to Mr. James Williams, merchant, in Annapolis, who is authorised to receive it and will pay 10 DENNIS TRAMMILL. the reward.

Annapolis, November 10, 1784. OST some time in August last, my discharge from the continental army, bearing date at Frederick-town, some time in May 1783, figned by captain Henry Gaither; this is therefore to forewarn all persons whatsoever from taking an affignment on the same, as I shall receive full satisfaction from the state of Maryland as if I had the said disive any perion ten shillings who will deliver it to Mr. Benjamin Ward, who lives in Annapolis. SAMUEL NEVILLE.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

November 8, 1784. R AN away last night from the subscriber, living near Annapolis, a negro woman named JEN-NY, about 28 years old, a lusty well looking wench, rather of a yellowish complexion, she has a blemish in one of her eyes, and has lost one of her fore teeth; had on and took with her, a country cloth jacket and petticoat, also a red and white framped linen jacket and petticoat, ofnabrig and white linen shifts, womens black leather shoes, and black sik bonnet- Whoever takes up and secures the said wench, fo that her master gets her again, shall receive, if ten miles from home twenty shillings, if out of the county thirty shillings, and if out of the frate the above seward including what the law allows, paid by BRICE TB. WORTHINGTON.

Baltimore-town, October 25, 1784. N looking over the Maryland gazette, No. 1967, I faw an advertisement of John Mackali's, of St. Mary's county, wherein he fets forth, that he intends to apply to the next general affembly for an act to make valid a deed he has from Vernon Hebb. for the lands he fays he bought of me, as attorney in fact for William Hicks, Efq; of Great Britain, in the year 1774. I deny that he ever bought any lands from me ; he bought several tracts of land of Vernon Hebb, most of which he faw run out, and was shown the titles thereto by Mr. Hebb, who had a deed from Mr. Hicks for them. It is true, I advertised the lands for sale, with many other things, as attorney in sact for William Hicks, under an agreement with Mr. Hebb; and when Mr. Mackail agreed for the land at a certain price per acre, be. fore he entered into any contract for the same with Vernon Heob, the said land was run out by a surveyor in his presence, and the whole of the titles laid before him. Some time afterwards, John Mackall gave Vernon Hebb his bond for five hun. dred and forty-seven pounds nine shillings and sixpence sterling money, with security, to be paid by a certain day mentioned in the bond; and the same day Vernon Hebb gave John Mackall his bond to convey the lands on the payment being made, which bonds I never faw. A few days afterwards, Mr. Mackall, at his own house in Calvert county, gave me two bonds payable to William' Hicks, one for L. 144 2 o sterling, payable the first of January 1775, the other for L. 144 0 o sterling, payable the first of March sollowing, which was to be in pass for the lands aforesaid for money due siom Vernoa Hebb to William Hicks. Mr. Mackall has never paid me, as attorney in fact, or otherwise, any par or parcel of the two bonds above mentioned, due William Hicks, which bonds are now in fuit against him, in order to comply with the direction of the act of affembly of this state in my particular circumstance made and provided. How can John Mackall fay he has paid me any part of the purchase money if he calls it so? I am well informed he paid Vernon Hebb off in depreciated money. When he com-ples with his contracts in making his payments, (if I am not under a millake) the legislature of this state hath already empowered me to make a title to any person or persons wnatsoever, any real or personal estate the property of William Hicks, Esq; of Great-Britain, in the same manner as if he himself was here present. Until the payments are complied with, John Mackall need not expect to hear any more from 10 7/6 WILLIAM AISQUITH.

Annapolis, November 3, 1784.
To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, by the subscribers, at the house of captain Rober: Morris, in Frederick town, on Tuesday the 7th day of December next,

HE following tracts of land, lying on Mono-cacy manor, in Frederick county, and are de-fcribed by numbers on the plat of the faid-manor. The terms allowed the purchaser will be five equal annual payments, with interest, and giving bond with good security.

Lots 21, 22, and 71, contain 210 acres, and are joining; 21, Jacob Beaver living thereon, and contains 114 acres; improvements a good log house and kitchen, log barn, apple orchard. 22, Jacob Hale late tenant, and contains 85 acres; improvements a log house, barn, and apple orchard. 71, contains 11 acres all woods. The whole together will make a pretty farm, having sufficient wood for fencing, &c.

Lots 48, 49, and 70, containing 328 acres, and are all joining; 48, John Hooff living thereon, and contains 111 acre; improvements a good log house, barn, and apple orchard. 49, George Shanks living thereon, contains 128 acres; improvements log house, barn, and apple orchard. 70, contains 89 acres, all in fine timber fitting for faw mills, &c. These three lots together will make a pretty farm, and will have a great sufficiency of wood for many years. Crops of wheat, &c. are put in the ground. Possession will be given to the whole by the first of January next.

JAMES TOOTELL, JOSEPH DOWSON. N. B. The above tracts will be fold separate or together as may be most convenient for the purchafers. If not fold will be rented to the highest bidder.

J. T. J D.

TO BE SOLD,

A BOUT 1300 acres of land, lying near the Head of Severn, about 16 miles from Annapolis, and 17 from Baltimore; the foil is adapted both to farming and planting, and has the advan-tage of a very large tract of meadow ground, a con-fiderable part of which is cleared and may be im-proved at a small expence; the land is chiefly wooded, and the lower parts abound with a great variety of lofty timbers, it is well watered, and has a good feat for a mill, and only fix miles from navigation. For terms apply to the subscriber in Annapolis
JAMES STEUAR JAMES STEUART.

HIS is to give notice, that there will be a petition preferred to the next general affembly, to pass an act to re-establish a warehouse, at Cedarpoint, and also to establish a warehouse on the land of John Lancaster.

W E are ap just claims again of attorney to fell fonal estate:

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